

Subject School safety

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Overview

A school district must have a ten-year facilities maintenance plan to qualify for long-term facilities maintenance revenue. The plans must include provisions for implementing a health and safety program that complies with health, safety, and environmental regulations and best practices. A district must annually update the plan, submit it to the commissioner for approval by July 31, and indicate whether the district will issue bonds to finance the plan or levy for the costs. This bill requires the facilities maintenance plans to include a safe schools plan.

The bill also appropriates money to the commissioner of public safety to issue school security grants to school districts and charter schools.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Title. Provides that this act is the “Safe Haven In Every Local District (SHIELD) Act.”
2	Facilities plans. [Long-term facilities maintenance revenue] Requires a district’s ten-year facilities maintenance plan to include a safe schools plan for each site identifying physical modifications to improve student and staff safety at the site.
3	Appropriation; school security grants. Appropriates money to the commissioner of public safety for school security grants to school districts and charter schools, in consultation with the Minnesota School Safety Center. Requires the Minnesota School Safety Center to prepare a list of vendors authorized to provide certain security services and products, and requires a district or charter school that receives a grant to use the money to contract with an approved vendor.



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